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APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM CLOSURE REPORT FOR TEMPORARY ACCUMULATION AREA (TAA) 658, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the subject document dated May 30, 2003, prepared by Shaw Environmental Inc. for Naval Facilities Engineering Command. The Addendum report summarizes the results of additional soil samples collected at TAA 658 in March 2003. The report was submitted in response to DTSC comments regarding sampling data gap that exists in the August 1998 closure report. Three confirmation samples were collected at 36 inches below ground surface (bgs) and analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) as gasoline, TPH as diesel, pesticides, and metals.

TAA 658 (also referenced as Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 171 located south of Building 658) was identified as a hazardous waste storage area (HWSA) during the development of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Assessment (RFA) prepared for El Toro. Former TAA 658 consists of an approximately 15-feet by 15-feet concrete pad, with sump, metal roof, and berm.

DTSC is satisfied that its comments raised in the March 22, 2000 letter on the draft document have been adequately addressed in the Addendum report and we hereby approve it. Also, we agree with the Navy's recommendation that this unit should be identified as "closed" and suitable for residential uses in the net Base Realignment Closure Business Plan update.

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If you have any question, please call me at (714) 484-5419.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tayseer Mahmoud', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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